



**Incorporated 1787**

**Board of Police Commissioners  
Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
Special Meeting Minutes  
7:00 PM Town Hall Commission Room**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

**Commissioners Present:** Bill Brady Chairman, Beth Gralnick Vice Chairman,  
Jess DiPasquale, Susan Moch, Peter Ottomano, Woody Bliss

**Commissioners Absent:** Jeff Eglash

**Others Present:** Chief Troxell, John Conte Town Engineer, Nina Daniel 1<sup>st</sup>  
Selectman, Chip Platow Resident, Rita Shey Resident, Ray  
Rauth Board Member Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club, Nancy  
Rosett Board Member Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Consideration / Approval October 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioner Brady motioned to approve October 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Moch, motion passed. Commissioner Bliss abstained. Commissioner Ottomano arrived at 7:07 PM after the vote was approved.**

**3. Chief's Report**

- a) Stop Signs Cobbs Mill Inn – John Conte Town Engineer – John said to improve the safety of the double cross walks temporary stops signs will be placed. The Chief and John Conte will talk to Joe Lametta Director of Highway Dept. to have this done.**
- b) Godfrey Road West – John Conte Town Engineer – stated there were site line problems and some of the residents approached him. Coming out of Pent Road**

- is a blind spot and a large stone wall and a high embankment. Vehicles that are trying to make a left hand turn have to sneak out. The Police Commission will put temporary stop signs and portable speed monitoring devices on the road. Commissioner Moch recommends that the Police Commission put an article in the Weston Forum to let the public know that there will be temporary stop signs on the road. Commissioner Brady asked for a motion, Commissioner Moch made a motion to authorize the temporary stop signs on Old Orchard, Godfrey Road West as suggested by John Conte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gralnick, motion passed.
- c) **White Birch Road – John Conte Town Engineer – Deer Run Trail and White Birch Road** the property line is about 9 feet back from the edge of the road. John is going to measure it tomorrow. If it is on Town property we can remove those trees.
  - d) **Road Safety Updates – Chip Platow Vehicle Speeds on Goodhill Road** - Chip put a notice in 72 mailbox's who live on Goodhill Road asking what their observations were and thoughts about the speeding. He showed the Commissioners the responses he received back. The Chief went to observe Goodhill Road with the Town Engineer John Conte. John stated that we try to avoid speed humps and stop signs on steep grade roads. John said in icy conditions speed humps and stop signs would not work. Rita Shey stated that the Police Officers can sit on her lawn and monitor the vehicles speeding. The Chief said he will put a portable speed monitoring device and increase the patrol with radar. The Chief will report back at the next commission meeting with the analysis of the speed monitoring device.
  - e) **Ray Rauth, Nancy Rosett – Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club** - The Club wanted to place signs in Weston for cyclists but they cannot be placed on State Roads. Commissioner DiPasquale stated that the signage language needs to be improved. Commissioner Brady made a motion to put two temporary signs on Lyons Plains Road on a trial basis but Commissioner DiPasquale opposed stating there is no way to monitor this. The motion was defeated.
  - f) **SRO/MOU Update – Commissioner DiPasquale** stated both boards have approved the SRO position. The Board of Ed and the Board of Police Commissioners and the Memo of Understanding has been sent so we are now in the mode for the Chief to find a candidate. Commissioner Gralnick would like to start the SRO the beginning of the school year. Commissioner Bliss would like to put the SRO position in the 2016-2017 budget. Commissioner DiPasquale would like the SRO to start in March. Commissioner DiPasquale made a motion to vote tonight on choosing an SRO by names that the Chief proposes to us at the February Police Commission meeting, there was not a second, motion defeated. Commissioner Moch made a motion to put the issue of the SRO position in the 2016-2017 budget and add a new hire. Commissioner Gralnick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Commissioner Bliss and 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Nina Daniel left at 8:40 PM.
  - g) **Grant Updates -Huisking Foundation Inc.** made a \$2,000.00 donation to the Weston Police Department. The Chief said the Officers need 11 new bullet proof vests the money would buy three new vests.

Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00 donation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Moch, all in favor. Commissioner Brady also asked the Chief if we could get credit for re-cycling bullet proof vests. Commissioner Brady also stated this request for bullet proof vests should be placed in the 2016-2017 budget.

- h) **Monthly Reports Overtime** – Criminal investigation overtime was up due to the criminal investigation that happened on Norfield Road. We are over budget because of the retirees payouts. The Chief will be writing a letter to the Selectman and the Board of Finance and will copy the Commissioners.
- i) **Johnny Marsili** is doing very well at the Academy.
- j) **Public Facilities Update** – No new news.
- k) **2016 Police Commission Calendar** – Approved
- l) **USA Today** – Some police say they have no authority to seize weapons from those at risk. The Weston Police Department has the authority to seize weapons.

**4. Chiefs additional Business for Commission Consideration** – None at this time.

**5. Grant Updates** – No Grant Updates

**6. Additional Business for Commission Consideration** – None at this time.

Commissioner Brady asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:15 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gralnick, motion approved.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:40 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Gunshor  
Police Commission Recording Secretary  
Approved 12/1/15

